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Mr. Thomas F. Zenty III
Chief Executive Officer
11100 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Mr. Zenty:

I see all is well with you and your UH family. Thank you for your letter sharing the major milestones which University Hospitals has achieved in leadership, innovation, and quality. Service to the community is of utmost importance to me as the "Dean" of Cleveland City Council.

You might recall that well over a year ago I had written to you regarding UH's desire to do something with the University MedNet Facility at the corner of East 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard. Just recently it was brought to my attention by City of Euclid officials that UH Officials is now talking about building a facility somewhere around 24,000 sf. Having represented the northeast side for 34 years I know your present location like the "back of my hand" having been there myself on many occasions along with my children.

Therefore, I would like to propose something a little different than what your folks have been talking about. If the building is only going to be 24,000 sf. in size, why not look for another site south of Lakeshore Boulevard in the City of Cleveland; perhaps nearer to I-90. The City of Cleveland, as you know, has been very supportive of UH and I can assure you that the Economic Development Department of the City of Cleveland through their Director, Ms. Tracey Nichols, would be more than willing to assist in your relocation efforts.

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I quite frankly see no need to stay at the present location. By going south and closer to I-90 you have a greater population base and greater visibility. By selling the present property off – preferably to the Clinic – you can cover the cost of **your** proposed new medical building. I have asked my local development corporation, Northeast Shores Development, to assist you in any way possible, should you seek technical assistance on possible sites.

In closing, as the senior member of Council, I certainly understand the historic competition between UH and the Clinic. When I was Council President I was personally embroiled in some of that competition. However, isn't it an intriguing thought and concept to have the Clinic pay for **your** new facility? You know as well as I do that the Clinic would buy that property in a "New York minute" - given the opportunity!

I look forward to hearing from you on my proposal and thoughts. I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236, by cell phone at (216) 857-7363 or via email at council11@clevelandcitycouncil.org .

Sincerely yours,

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